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Ave, Cor Mariae!

January 18, 1972

Dear Fr. Alonso,

May your new year be heavily laden with every grace from Heaven.

The Fr. Provincial of the Claretian Portuguese Province has written a letter to Fr. Aloysius asking either complete incorporation of our group into the Portuguese Province or to be on our own as a separate entity. Fr. Aloysius sent Joseph Langford and Charles Carpenter, as his representatives, to interview the Fr. Provincial in Lisbon. Joseph and Charles were very prudent with the Fr. Provincial in their discussion with him, avoiding saying anything against the Province and about the liberal ways that are already creeping into the seminaries all over Fátima. Fr. Provincial stated again what he had written in his letter--that he would like us to be incorporated into the Province, or to have our separate entity.

Our group of ten for Perpetual Adoration do not feel like joining the Portuguese. The Americans do not find in the Portuguese seminarians the ideals the Americans have for which they came to Fatima. The Americans are quite disappointed with the mediocrity and liberal ways of the present seminaries all over Fatima. The American group feels more than ever like going all the way in the holy and high ideals we have. We are highly considered, because of the mercy of God, by all the people in Fátima unanimously, though we do not deserve it. And the two Bishops of Leiria count on us on the 13th of each month to help as altar boys and to carry the Blessed Mother and to be on the side of the Bishop while the Bishop is blessing the sick with the monstrance.

Father, ~~we ten~~, since Fr. Aloysius is still sick, he is asking us to write this letter to you. Fr. Provincial wants an answer as soon as possible. But first, Fr. Aloysius wants to speak with you. When you come back from Madrid, let us know, because we must see you as soon as possible. Fr. Aloysius is somewhat afraid that when the Fr. Provincial receives the answer that the American group wishes to be on their own and not join the Portuguese Province, Fr. Provincial might react strongly against us, and then go to the Bishop of Leiria and prevail on him to dissolve us and force us to leave Portugal. Fr. Aloysius counts on you, Fr. Alonso, to speak as soon as you can, to the Bishop of Leiria about our precarious and difficult situation, and to defend us and secure our staying in Fatima. In this manner, if and when Fr. Provincial goes to the Bishop about our decision, the Bishop will already know what to do.

Now, we have something more to tell you, Father. We are expecting, at the beginning of next month, a millionaire from San Diego, California, and we are going to ask him to pay, not only for our house in Fátima, but also for Pontevedra, so that all your plans in Pontevedra be realized fully, through the help of this millionaire. So, do prepare your plans for Pontevedra, because we Americans are going to back you completely, financially and otherwise.

We count on your fervent prayers. We are praying for you and we love you immensely. You might be the instrument to help bring a new congregation into its being in the Church, in the present day and age, through us Americans.

Best regards from Fr. Aloysius and from everyone of our ten Americans.
Dear Father, after God we count on you.

In Corde Matris,

William R. Bessey
William R. Bessey

Michael Korzeniewski
Michael Korzeniewski

James Swope
James Swope

Charles Carpenter
Charles Carpenter

Joseph M. Langford
Joseph Michael Langford

Robert Wilson
Robert Wilson

Joseph Goetz
Joseph Goetz

William F. Macaluso
William Francis Macaluso

Dennis G. Kelly
Dennis G. Kelly

Charles A. Plunkett
Charles A. Plunkett

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria
Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

January 29, 1972

Dear Joseph, Connie, Thérèse, Antonia, and Mary Bernadette,

Received your kind telegram, thank you so much. In the Holy Mass on the feast of little Maureen Elizabeth, I told the ten Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration how much little Maureen Elizabeth had helped souls--yours and many others who invoked her intercession and are still invoking her for spiritual favors. On the same day, January 20, we found out about the property that will be for the Monastery of the Most Blessed Sacrament, where the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration will have their first monastery. It is such beautiful property, with 112 fruit trees, and plenty of fertile land for crops. It is situated right on the edge of a forest of tall trees. It is only a few minutes walk from the Basilica, and yet it looks like a national forest. Since January 26, we became juridically independent, so that now we can grow all over the world without any hindrance.

Praying always for little James Michael Tolg, and commending him to Our Blessed Mother of Fatima. Best regards to Connie, Thérèse, Antonia, and Mary Bernadette. Here in Fatima there is such an aura surrounding the ten Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. Everyone loves them, and the two Bishops of Leiria, Ordinaries of Fatima, count on them every thirteenth day of the month to be in the vanguard of the processions from the Little Chapel of the Apparitions, where the miraculous statue of Our Blessed Mother of Fatima is placed on their shoulders, to the Basilica for the Mass; also they help the Bishops to distribute Holy Communion in the vast throngs that are present, and also to assist the Bishop while he blesses the sick with the Most Blessed Sacrament. Every day these ten novices go down to the Little Chapel of the Apparitions to pray the Holy Rosary for your family and for all our spiritual brothers and sisters at home.

It would be such a great help if Connie and Bonnie and some of your friends could go looking for some spiritual books, some of those classics which have been discarded by convents and Catholic libraries, and have them sent to Fatima for our library here. Whatever the cost of the books or the shipping cost might be you should ask Conlan for it because I left some money with him for shipping costs. This could be used for shipping and book purchases. In this way we could have a nice spiritual library here in Fatima. The Sisters, Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, have been given full approval by the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima, to come to Fatima and start their motherhouse here in July. The spiritual books could be used by both orders, by the Daughters and by the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. I don't want any expense to be on you because James Conlan has the needed money. His address is: 3972 W. 9th Street, Los Angeles, California 90019. He could also help you with shipping the religious articles and the books, if you would like him to unless you have another way you want to handle all of this shipping. James Conlan has helped us so much because he shipped all of our things over to Fatima from San Pedro.

May Our Lord and the Blessed Mother continue to bless you and to be with you personally and intimately at all times. Praying always for your family that is so precious to my heart.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Missionary Daughters of St. Anthony Mary Claret

APARTADO 29

FÁTIMA (PORTUGAL)

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Hail, Heart of Mary!

20 January 1974

Mr. Anthony J. Arpaia
Mr. Joseph O'connor✓
Mrs. Lu Shipstad

Dearest Friends,

Yesterday, we had a visit from dear Father Joaquim Alonso, C.M.F., who came to announce that he will be stationed in Fatima for this year and possibly for a few more because of his work on the Blessed Mother. He will be residing at the house of Our Lady of Mount Carmel which is on the Basilica grounds.

He spoke of Charles Carpenter and John Miville-Deschenes who are now studying in Burgos, Spain. He said that the tuition for their studies until ordination is already taken care of. We feel so happy for them. There are other boys who are desirous of joining them in Burgos, but Father feels that they should be screened before being admitted so as to avert future problems. He wrote the Director of the Seminary to this affect.

He then discussed the coming problem - that of the \$15,000 which was deposited on the Casa d'Azinheira and which he is pursuing in the courts. He wants a formal paper drawn up (in Portuguese) carrying my signature so as to give him the power to act. The existing paper regarding the \$15,000 happens to be in the name of the Missionary Daughters of St. Anthony Mary Claret and the lawyer feels that I would have to either be present (which I prefer not to be) or have someone there with the power to sign for the money. He is preparing the document which I will sign before the Notary of Portugal during the coming week. All this is being done in order to retrieve the money for Father Aloysius.

Father Alonso also advised me to purchase the land that we anticipated having. I explained to him that I did bring the money to Portugal but that payment had been stopped at the bank and that the money was in America and that funds here were very low. Rent is coming due on the 8th of February and to have a roof over our heads I will have to meet it. He said that he was advising me to forge ahead if we really "had at heart" to bring this endeavor to fruition for the Greatest Glory of God. I agreed with him that this was our foremost and prime desire but, how could it be without necessary funds? We will hold on as long as we can. He said it was our obligation to continue. We could not think of doing any different -- the

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"Approval" can only be hoped for if we stick to our guns here. If we should go elsewhere we would have to start from scratch and all the money expended would be down the drain.

"IF WE HAVE TO QUIT IT WILL NOT BE OF OUR MAKING"!!!!!!

I thought I would pass on to you his advice and see what you think. We are at YOUR MERCY. If you do not agree with Father Alonso's thinking, would you mind writing him on our behalf and stating your side of the story. All I can say to him is: "I don't have the money, it is in America - funds are not coming in that plentiful and my personal funds are getting rather low."

We hope everyone remembers that the 26th we will be 2 years old!!!!

Please! let us hear from you all. Why is everyone so SILENT???? We are just trying to do what is our duty and hoping that we can bring Father Aloysius's endeavor to full fruition for the Greatest Glory of God and the Honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Before closing I do want to inform you that another Mission Circle will soon get started. There is a group of interested ladies in South San Francisco who understand our predicament and are willing to work for us and try to back us up so that we would have sufficient funds to keep going. Their leader, Mrs. Anna Abeyta has never met us - only heard about us on her return flight from Fatima. She wrote me and asked what she could do and what did we need. I sent her rosaries which she is selling like "hotcakes". She is very active and has the support of a very dear Monsignor friend, who is willing to help her set up the Mission Circle. All she needs to do this is to obtain the information needed from Mrs. Lu Shipstad whom I have written and requested her to get in touch with Mrs. Abeyta. I have confidence that this has been done and that soon we can announce the birth of the Mission Circle in South San Francisco. The money would not come in great quantities but a steady flow would be most helpful and gratefully appreciated.

Anxiously awaiting some report from you all, I remain,

Ever in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Mother Claret Claire
Mother Claret Claire

Infant of Prague

Jan. 21, 1972

Dear Fr. -

I have been asked by
a friend if you would
consider a perpetual Mass
League + because they are
in need - money going
where one specifies -

Infant of Prague Thank you

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Mrs. Marie Myrzig

Perpetual Mass League

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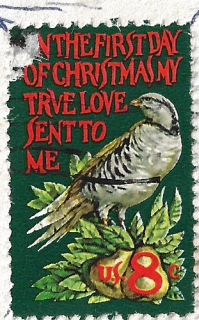
Statues of Infant of
Prague

Jo Giacalone

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In Reply Please Refer To:

21 January 1972

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Seminario do Coracao de Maria
Fatima, Portugal

Dear Father Aloysius:

Many thanks for your Christmas and New Year's greetings,
and the kind words enclosed.

It was with interest that I read your words about the ten
young men that you brought with you to Fatima and who
entered the Novitiate in the Portugese Province on
December 7 of last year. I certainly wish you well in
this new experiment. Only time and the Holy Spirit will
tell us what should be done.

Father Freitas Alves, the Portugal Provincial, requests
permission for you to stay as acting Novice Master in
Fatima until some time around Easter. I presume that
Father General has already give his approval and there is
little need of any permission on my part. However, if
needed, you have whatever permission is required for your
stay.

Commending the Province to your prayers

Fraternally in C.M.,

Bernard O'Connor, C.M.F.
Bernard O'Connor, C.M.F.

January 24, 1972

Infant of Prague League
Carmelite Fathers
11343 Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60628

Dear Fathers,

I have just received word of your apostolate for spreading the devotion of the Infant of Prague. Please send me any information regarding the devotion, enough for 10 seminarians who are studying for the priesthood in Fatima, Portugal. Their seminary is currently in desperate financial need, and I will forward the literature on to them.

In the meantime, you might send me some literature also.

Thankyou so much for the good work which you are doing, and I am sure that you will be blessed both with vocations and financial support in these troubled times.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Kevin Manion

J. M. J.

January 24, 1971

Dear Mrs. John Silva,

Thankyou for your letter which I have just now received. I will most certainly pass on your letter immediately to Fatima, and you will surely hear from the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration in a short time.

It is so encouraging dealing with good people like Jo Giacalone and yourself who are so devoted to the Holy Eucharist.

The Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration are a new branch of the Claretian order whose four-fold purpose is:

- 1) Perpetual Adoration
- 2) Perpetual generation of the Immaculate Heart
- 3) Prayer
- 4) Mortification

If each of us can offer up little extra sacrifices each day, our Blessed Mother would be so pleased. The story of the children of Fatima bears this out.

Thankyou for your letter, and please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary,

Kevin Manion

J. M. J.

January 24, 1972

Dear Mrs. Marie Nyerges,

Thankyou for your letter of January 21. I will write a letter to the seminary in Fatima, Portugal and propose the Perpetual Mass League. It sounds like a splendid idea, and one that will undoubtedly reap spiritual benefits for all concerned. As you stated in your letter, we are in desperate need of funds, and this idea could be just what is needed.

Also thankyou for your kind advise on the Infant of Prague. I will likewise pass the word on to Fatima that this devotion could be the answer to many of our prayers. The ten men in Fatima are currently saying a perpetual novena to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (the Little Follower), and the Infant of Prague would fit in quite well.

To tell you a little about our project: On October 10, 1971 Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF, and ten young men from the Los Angeles and San Diego areas left to start a Perpetual Adoration Monastery in Fatima, Portugal. The Bishop of Leria, the Ordinary over Fatima, gave his generous blessing and approval to the project; he likewise invested these Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration on December 7, 1971, the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

There is a fourfold purpose of the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration: 1) Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 2) Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (which ties in perfectly with the message of Fatima), 3) Prayer, which consists of three parts of the Rosary recited daily, as well as other community prayers, and 4) Mortification for purposes of reparation and sanctification.

These Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration will be contemplatives in the world, combining an active apostolate with the contemplative life. In later years they will come back to the United States as missionaries. Please ask the Blessed Mother and the Infant of Prague to continue to bless this newly founded seminary

Again I want to express my thanks for your interest in writing to us, and I will send your name on to Fatima.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mother Mary,

I remain, in union with the
Blessed Trinity,

Kevin Manion

P. S. I am especially grateful for your idea about the Infant of Prague.

J. M. J.

January 24, 1972

Dear Jo,

Thankyou for your good work in spreading information about the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adortion. I was most happy to receive two letters mentioning your name. (Mrs. Silva, and Mrs. Nyerges) This is very encouraging to know that others are quite interested in the success of this nobel project.

As you know, the four-fold aims of the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration can only be realized when the seminarians in Fatima can maintain their own house. However, at the present time, they will have to offer up their inconveniences for the sanctification of souls, and wait until our Blessed Mother provides them with a house of their own.

Thankyou again for your response to the information card which you returned in early January. I am so sorry I have not yet answered your request. However, we are getting up a pamphlet on the CMPA and when I coordinate my activities in Los Angeles, I will drop you a line. Yours has been one of the most enthusiastic responses yet.

I have answered both Mrs. Silva and Mrs. Nyerges, and Mrs. Nyerges was quite helpful in suggesting a devotion to the Infant of Prague for our financial problems. I am just now forwarding this word on to Fatima.

Keeping you in my prayers, I remain sincerely yours in the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary,

Kevin Manion

January 24, 1972

Dennis Kelly,

Thankyou for the slides and negatives. I am writing to you this time because I am sure you like receiveing letters from America!

On the more serious side . . . I have just received a letter from a good lady, Mrs. Marie Nyerges. She mentioned that the Infant of Prague is a most powerful devotion for financial troubles. From word I have received from Jim Swope, the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration have terrific financial problems, especially in the years ahead. I can think of no better devotion for this current problem that that of the Infant of Prague. I am sure it is through the intercession the the Infant that the Czechoslovakian people have kept their great faith. (Perhaps this is also why, for the communist bloc Czechoslovakia is so strong economically) . Anyway, this great devotion does have its place in the Church.

Portugese lessons are progressing slowly for the small group of us who gather with Sr. Clair and teh Daughters of St. Anthony Mary Claret. The professor is determined we will finish the book by June, and he will do so whether we we prepare our lessöns or not. Most of us are enthusiastic aboutthe language.

Charles Carpenter sent me the names and addresses of the families of the seminarians in Fatima, and I did have a brief talk with your father. However, I have not followed through, and will send him the very nice group picture of you whén I pull myself together/.

Enclosed you will find the print of a picture I took at the airport. Thankyou again for the pictures and slides, and keep me in your prayers.

In union of prayer with the Sorrowful and Immaculte Heart of Mother Mary, I remain

Kevin Manion

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Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Kevin Manion

J. M. J.

January 25, 1972

Dear Mrs. Moloney,

Thankyou for your most generous donation for Robert Wilson. As a member of the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration of Fatima, Portugal, I am sure he will be most grateful for your kindness.

The Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration are a new branch of the Claretian order whose four-fold purposes are the following:

- 1) Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2) Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (which fits in perfectly with the message of Fatima.)
- 3) Prayer (including recitation of the most holy rosary, three parts daily)
- 4) Penance and Mortification.

At present the order is relying upon the generosity of our friends, who have been so kind in their sacrifices. We need prayers most of all, so please keep this intention in mind.

Thankyou again for your generosity, and if I can be of service to you in the future, please let me know. I am forwarding your name to Fatima today.

Sincerely yours in the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Kevin Manion


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Mr. Kevin Mancow
Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual
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P.O. Box 593
Temple City, Calif. 91780

Please send more
cards requesting
information to be
distributed

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Dear Kevin,

Since we last saw you, my dad passed away after 3 months in the hospital. My husband had surgery ^{Jan. 10th} (gall bladder and appendix removed) and he's home recuperating.

We requested that money be donated to Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. ~~William Macaluso~~ Don't know if you received any but we had \$10⁰⁰ donation from Astuto family, \$10⁰⁰ Chiappi family and \$300 from Mr. & Mrs. Brown. for William Macaluso, C.M. of P.A. How is the board going? Did you move? Don't have your new phone number.

Also would like to know if you had any prayer cards made up with Claretian M. of P. A. name on them.

May God help us financially to assist our boys. If you need help, typing or whatever. I'll do my best to help.

Pray that Fathers group will grow in spirituality under his guidance and love.

To Jesus with Mary,
(Mrs) Clara Marconi.

P.S. May God guide ^{& bless} you in all your work for Fr. Alloggius & the C. M. of P. A.

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TELEF. 22714

LEIRIA--PORTUGAL

DOM JOÃO PEREIRA VENÂNCIO, por Graça de Deus e da Santa
Sé Apostólica, Bispo da Diocese de Leiria.

Tendo-Nos sido requerido pelo m.to Revdo. Padre Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, dos Missionários Filhos do Coração de Maria, a fundação em Fátima, desta Diocese, de uma Comunidade Religiosa, que tem em preparação, com o nome de FILHAS MISSIONÁRIAS DE SANTO ANTÓNIO MARIA CLARET;

Atendendo à sua exposição e mais razões e ao apoio que lhe dão os seus Superiores Maiores;

Esperando que a futura nova Congregação venha a dar, a seu tempo, grande glória a Deus e ser de proveito espiritual para muitas almas;

Havemos por bem autorizar o mesmo Revmo. Padre Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., a prosseguir os seus trabalhos, permitindo que estabeleça em Fátima a nova Comunidade.

Leiria, 26 de Janeiro de 1972.

E eu, *Dom João Pereira Venâncio*
da Cúria, a subscrevi.

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Leiria, 26 de Janeiro de 1972.

E eu, *Leão José Oliveira*
da Cúria, a subscreevi.

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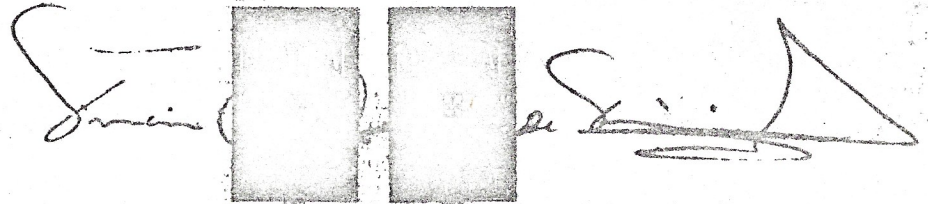
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Recebi das IRMÃS MISSIONARIAS FILHAS DE SANTO ANTONIO
MARIA CLARET a quantia de 405 000\$00 (Quatrocentos e cinco mil escudos),
valor do sinal e primeira prestação referente à venda da "CASA DA AZINHEIRA",
situada na Rua Anjo de Portugal, na Cova da Iria, freguesia de Fátima,
concelho de Vila Nova de Ourém.

Leiria, 27 de Janeiro de 1972



Reconheço a assinatura Luís de Francisco
Alguade Luís de Francisco
por confronto com a do Bilhete de identidade número 153.5562, passado pelo Arquivo de Identificação da Beira.

Leiria, 27 de Janeiro de 1972 ✓
O ajudante da Secretaria Notarial,

Conta N.º 99 Esc. 5\$00

JMJ

January 30, 1972

Dear Jim,

Most happy to hear from you, as I just received your letter of Jan. 23 today. I have also just heard the tape cassett which you have sent, and I was most delighted to hear from all of you.

We begin our fourth in a series of Portugese lessons tomorrow, Sunday, afterwhich we will receive some spiritual instruction from Father Thomas Matin, CMF. He was most helpful last week, demonstrating the small sacrifices we can offer up in penance for the love of God. He spoke of drinking the coffee in the moring without sugar, waiting for an hour or two before opening a letter just received. Little things that can help us so much in bringing us closer to God. Doug, Jim Conlin, Bill Nojokes and myself attended.

We have postponed the meeting, and will have it on Feb. 13, the last Sunday before lent. Unless I don't get the invitations out, this date is firm. (I will mail them Monday.)

I will try to help you in the way of Mass Cards. I think it best that we put some picture on the frount of the card that you in Fatima pick out. Joe Langford is artistic, perhaps he could come up with an idea. Send us a holy card, or some thing, and we will get some nice cards printed. I liked your idea of teh "Prayer Cloth".

I expect that you will not be receiving any new seminarians from America for quite a while. At least until the Church authorities are certain that you have adequate financial support. This in no way interferes with our personal commitment to aid in this nobel project.

Tanks again for the slides, and pictures which I also received earlier this week. They turned out well, and I will have them mounted for a presentation at our general meeting.

Until you Hear from me again, I remain yours in the Heart of Jesus and Mary,

January 31, 1972

Most Reverend Father General,
Anthony Leghisa , C.M.F.

Most Reverend and dear Father in Corde Matris:

Very happy to greet and have Your Reverence on your visitation to the Claretian Province of Portugal. Not only I greet you, but my ten American Seminarians, now novices. The ten of them are very happy and highly regarded by all the people in Fatima. His Excellency, the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima, and his Auxiliary Bishop, and the Bishop of Lamego, have shown their great appreciation, admiration and esteem for them, in the short time that this American group has been here.

Your Reverence, Fr. General, most prudently and discreetly, stated every time I spoke to you about bringing these young men to Fatima, in your General Visitation to Los Angeles in May, last year, that you were not contrary to my plans, but all depended on the Fr. Provincial of Portugal, with whom I was supposed to remain in contact. I arranged with Fr. Provincial of Portugal the coming of this group of Americans into this Claretian Portuguese Province. From the very beginning I always insisted that our group, in joining the Province, should have, at the same time, autonomy or enough freedom to engage themselves in their specific four-fold aims, as explained in the letters that I sent to our General Curia in Rome and to our Provincial Curia in Lisbon. We have entertained consistently this idea of autonomy right along.

In August last year, I sent two of my American group, Joseph Langford and Charles Carpenter, to Portugal to obtain permission from Fr. Provincial for their coming in October. All these propositions on autonomy were presented to the Fr. Provincial, and he raised no objections. On the contrary, he was most solicitous.

In October, last year, the Provincial Visitation took place in Fatima. At that time I explained again to my Fr. Provincial about this autonomy and I didn't find any objection on his part. I spoke to him about getting our own house and grounds. He told me to be moderate in our purchasings because the Bishop was already somewhat disgusted with other religious orders for being too greedy in purchasing property. Fr. Provincial, of his own accord, told me to open a bank account for our group, which I did; where I keep the money from our benefactors in America, who have been defraying all our expenses. I gave \$18,050.55 to our Portuguese Province for the room and board of our American group, and to pay for their trip back, in case any of these young Americans would feel like going back to America. During the Provincial Visitation also, I recorded our plans on a questionnaire that the local government of our Claretian Seminary, or rather Novitiate, submitted to me. I signed it on the 19th of October. Fr. Provincial read it. I didn't receive any objections to my statements. Here I transcribe part of that information:

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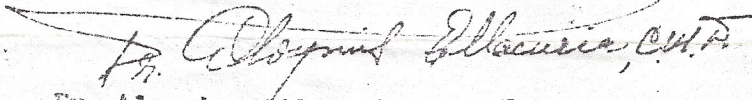
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These brief lines are to greet you from Fatima and ask you for a few items.

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Gratefully and fraternally yours in Corde Matris,


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APARTADO 29

FÁTIMA — PORTUGAL

**"BLESSED CHRISTMAS
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We are happy to include the assignments of the men making up the first team of missionaries to the Philippines. We take this opportunity to wish them God's speed on their journey. The whole Province joins in a fervent prayer for the success of their mission work.

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Feast of the Sacred Heart
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MISSIONARIES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION [M.A.P.]

APARTADO 30

FÁTIMA—PORTUGAL



DO YOU KNOW ONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE RELIGIOUS LIFE?
BECOMING A PRIEST OR MAYBE A BROTHER?

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DO YOU KNOW ONE WHO LOVES PERPETUAL ADORATION AND THE
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IF YOU DO, IT MIGHT BE ONE OF THE VOCATIONS WE ARE
LOOKING FOR. PLEASE, SEND US HIS NAME OR HAVE HIM WRITE
TO US FOR MORE INFORMATION OF THE LIFE OF THE

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THANK YOU.

Observaciones

1. Es mejor que no sea el P.General que escribe la carta, sino el P.Ellacuria que expone y pide al P.General.
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→ Directions given by Fr. General and his secretary ^{to Fr. Aloysius} on how to write a letter that he would approve on behalf of the semi-contemplative Claretians in Fatima.

Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration

Fatima, Portugal

Letter Number 27

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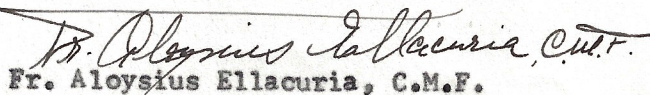
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Fr. Olegarius Albacuria C.M.F.

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January 7, 1972

Dear Kevin,

Bill Bessey is taking care of sending you the names of those to represent the boys at the first meeting.

We will trust your judgment in inviting priests and nuns for the most part, but feel you should invite:

Father Thomas Matin, C.M.F., 1820 Bouett St, Los Angeles 90012
Mother Marguerite and the Carmelite Sisters (Point Loma),
2916 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego 92106

As of now, the financial arrangements to date, as I know them: Everything received to date has been through individual contributions. Nothing has been received from any of our prospective major benefactors. There is considerable promise from a wealthy prospective benefactor, but as yet it is only promise. He plans a trip to Fátima in late January or early February. Mrs. Langford is in contact with them, and you can probably keep up-to-date on the matter through her. He is coming to survey the situation and "do what he can to help". This is the most promising thing yet, but we are moving cautiously. After all, remember the promises received from John Haffert (who indeed may help us quite a bit on publicity if nothing else).

Things have been sort of touch-and-go financially, as you must know, and we have been "watching the pennies". Aside from the sums received from Mrs. Flocca's groups, all the rest has been individual contributions from Father's friends. These will probably diminish gradually as Father is out of close touch with them, although our efforts on the correspondence are aimed at maintaining those ties and keeping the pipelines open, among other things.

Concurrent with the new schedule, certain other changes have been made in plans regarding the first two years. At the end of the first year of novitiate, a year of intensive language study is contemplated prior to starting formal schooling. This moves the schedule back one year for most of the boys, though it is likely now that those three who have a sufficient background in the language may start their school at the end of the novitiate (probably Joe Langford, Charles Carpenter, and Robert Wilson).

The best advice I can give with regard to the various rumors and people being offended is to tell them in effect:

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Other points in your letter have been covered in earlier correspondence or otherwise resolved. I am writing this as a sort of up-dated reply to your letter of December 17th, having, as I told you, more or less assumed responsibility for the correspondence. I will try to do my best to keep up with your questions and keep you current on all phases of our activity.

A copy of our new schedule, now in effect, is enclosed.
Keep in touch, and thanks for all you are doing.

Most sincerely
In the Immaculate Heart

Jim S.

P.S. - Incorporating here also a reply of sorts to points in your letter of Jan. 3 to Charles C.

The only money that Father has is money given for application to the purchase of the Convent for the Daughters, and as far as our Order is concerned, it doesn't exist. Perhaps it would be better if everyone understood this. Other than this, all he has is in the bank account, and precious little it is, just from current donations, etc.

It is so easy to see how you can get frustrated-- I am afraid we don't help much sometimes. The rumor that each seminarian owes missionary service to the Portuguese in Africa has some truth-- it was an idea of Father's to get our tuition paid if we could not get sufficient support from the States. It might be well if you made this point clear. Father is in the very difficult position of being sort of backed into a corner, as he feels personal responsibility to keep us going, but must depend on support from the States, as he has no funds and no organized support other than what you are giving us. So naturally he must think of alternate plans if the calculated plan doesn't work out. Fortunately, the tuition costs are something that won't have to be reckoned with for a while yet, and by that time we should have a pretty good idea of how the financial machinery is working. I think the thing people should do is believe us when we say that financial help is needed, and trust Father's integrity and judgment (certainly they can do this based on past experience) to carry things on according to a plan which will be spiritually sound and for the highest good of all and the most benefit to the Church and its cause overall.

Basically, Father is very determined that this undertaking succeed, and he will use whatever means are at his command to bring this about. If the necessary financial support is forthcoming from the States, then obviously he will be able to carry out his original plan. If it is necessary to resort to other means, such as swapping missionary service for tuition, then it is another story. You must understand that Father is doing a sort of juggling act-- he is sort of like a man skating on thin ice: this whole project has been undertaken on little more than faith. Naturally he is looking for a dependable source of funds, whether it be a major donor or individual small donors is of little consequence in the final analysis, but the latter is actually preferable if it can be depended upon, for obvious reasons of freedom from undue ~~directions~~ interference.

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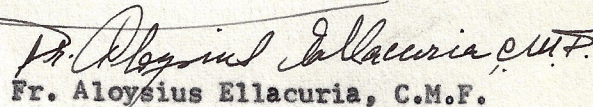
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This is to beg from Your Reverence to request from the Very Reverend Fr. Bernard O'Connor, C.M.F., my Provincial Superior, to allow me to stay for three years in Fatima, in order to direct the two congregations I have founded: the Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration, and the Missionary Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret. These Sisters are officially approved by the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima, to come to his Diocese, and they have purchased here a good convent already. Everything is in readiness for them.

Thanking Your Reverence and Very Reverend Fr. O'Connor for allowing me to direct these two congregations in their nascent state.

Most gratefully and filially yours,


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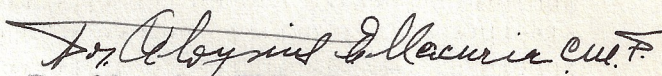
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With my deepest gratitude to Your Reverence.

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CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES
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Dear

As a good practicing Catholic you certainly realize the value of good Catholic literature. We have started a project to collect the books and pamphlets that are being discarded by seminaries, convents, schools and churches. Understandably these books must be removed to make way for newer publications and it would be a shame to have these books end up destroyed or abandoned. Our request is that you contact Mr. James P. Sullivan (address below) if you hear of any Catholic organization that is in the process of updating its library and discarding any of its books.

Books of all languages - Latin, Greek, Spanish, French, English, etc. - are all needed as these will be sent to other countries, especially to places that cannot afford to buy religious books, even used, because of the expense.

Please feel free to show this letter to anyone that may be able to assist you in this matter to help explain our project. May Our Blessed Mother shower you with favors and graces for any effort on your part in this endeavor.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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CLARETIAN MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES - - - NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1972

MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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January, 1972

My dear Claretian Missionary Auxiliaries,

May this year of 1972 be for all and each one of you and your loving families, relatives, friends and acquaintances, and likewise for your enemies, if any, the greatest year, laden most heavily with every blessing from the Almighty and Merciful God, the author and giver of all gifts. May every instant of this new year be an unceasing act of perfect love of God, from all and each one of us. May this new year be a perfect preparation, for each one of our Claretian Missionary Auxiliaries, for our perennial bliss with God, and in God, in Heaven. The Almighty God hides from us what is ahead of us. Therefore, what is ahead of us, throughout this year and every new year, remains in God's Providence. This is part of His Infinite Mercy, not to reveal to us what is ahead of us, in regard to what His Divine Majesty has in store for us. All of us must do one thing --our level best in our spiritual dispositions towards our good, good God. In realizing better, deeper, and clearer each day the sublime dignities bestowed on us by His Divine Goodness, we will try each day, each hour, each moment, to be better children of our divine Father. The Holy Sacrament of Baptism made us children of God and Heaven on earth of the Most Holy Trinity, co-heirs with Christ of His Heavenly Glory. Holy Communion makes us Living Ciboria of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Let each one of you, in your lay state, meditate often on the most gratifying utterance of the Holy Spirit, through St. Peter, our first Pope:

"You, however, are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works' of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light." (I Peter, 2: 9)

In order to obtain the realization of these great truths that are our most precious lot, let us have recourse to the Immaculate Heart of Our dearest Mother. The Introit for the Holy Mass of the Immaculate Heart is:

"Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4,16)

The world never has had greater need of Our Blessed Mother's mighty assistance, as in the present day and age. So, throughout this new year, do your utmost to increase your love, by leaps and bounds, towards the Immaculate Heart, as Mediatrix of all graces, and the throne of grace, in order that we may have an ever increasing realization of the wonders of divine grace in our souls. To fulfill the full message of Fátima, let us renew our Perfect Act of Filial Consecration to the Immaculate Heart after each Holy Communion. Let us wear the Scapular of the Immaculate Heart, as the exterior sign of the interior consecration to the same Immaculate Heart. Let us recite daily, and devoutly, the Holy Rosary, as the best prayer to honor the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Let us wear, by day and by night, the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, as the holy badge of our predestination to Heaven.

May I give you the wonderful news, that my ten companions were invested in the holy habit, on the 7th of this month, by His Excellency, John Pereira Venâncio, Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fátima, who offered the Holy Mass for them, and before the Offeratory of the Mass, he invested them in the holy habit. At the end of the Mass, the Bishop spoke to the congregation and quoted the words of his predecessor, Bishop Joseph Alves Correia da Silva, who used to say, and his words always proved true, that "Any work of God that begins in Fátima will triumph." Do pray, all of you, that these words be fulfilled thoroughly with these Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. The ten of them came from among you, and now they are here, on these holy grounds, as novices of the new branch on the beautiful tree of the Claretian Congregation.

FINAL NOTICE--CMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Those who have not yet done so are urged to renew their Claretian Missionary Auxiliaries membership for 1972. Please mail your \$2.00 tax deductible membership donation to our Mailing Chairman, Mrs. Alice Desjardins, 2482 Colby Avenue, L. A. 90064, or bring it to any of the February guild meetings. A single membership will cover an individual, a couple, a family, or two persons with different surnames living at a single address.

CLARETIAN BENEFIT DINNER

In the spring a benefit dinner will be held for the Claretian fathers. Watch your Newsletter for more information to come.

MOVING???

Please advise the newsletter address chairman ahead of moving time. Your cooperation will assure you of receiving all the newsletters.

Chairman address: Alice Des Jardins
2482 Colby Ave.,
Los Angeles CA 90064

PLEASE OBSERVE: Members of all guilds are requested to try to be in their seats 15 minutes before the scheduled start of each meeting for silent meditation in preparation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to pray for success of the meeting. Meetings are started promptly at the time scheduled.

You are urged to invite as many new members as possible to each of our Claretian Missionary Auxiliary Guild meetings.

FEAST DAYS IN FEBRUARY

2nd	Presentation of Our Lord
3rd	St. Blaise St. Ansgar
5th	St. Agatha
8th	St. Jerome Emiliana
10th	St. Scholastica
11th	Our Lady of Lourdes
14th	Ss Cyril & Methodius
16th	Ash Wednesday
17th	Seven Servite Founders
20th	1st Sunday in Lent
21st	St. Peter Damian
22nd	Chair of St. Peter
23rd	St. Polycarp

SCHEDULED GUILDS

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MISSION GUILD: First Tuesday February 1st at 7:30 p.m. followed by refreshments.

MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART GUILD: Meets first Thursday, February 3, 1972, at 9:45 A. M. The word L O V E is heard often these days, and to different people it has many meanings. As we approach the Lenten season, we are reminded of the greatest love shown to mankind by Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who became man and made the supreme sacrifice. A meditation worthy of note.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET GUILD: Meets on first Friday February 4th. Rosary at 9:45 A. M., Holy Mass 10:00 A. M. followed by luncheon in the Guild room.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD: Meeting February 6, 1972, followed by light refreshments. A Holy Mass is offered each month for the sanctification and intentions of all our members and in thanksgiving for all the graces received. Please join us each month--we miss you. We are raffling two \$25.00 tickets for Claretian dinner--\$1.00 per chance. If interested mail all donations for chances to Mrs. Alta Flocca, President, 4834 Cheryl Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214--Phone 248-6445. To be raffled at April 1st Guild meeting.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA GUILD: Second Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 P. M. New members are invited and encouraged to attend.

MOTHER OF DIVINE LOVE GUILD AND LAMB OF L.A. ORANGE COUNTY: Second Saturday, February 12 at 9:45 A. M. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

LAMB OF SAN DIEGO: The third Friday February 18, 7:30 P.M. in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Rosary, Holy Mass, Homily and Benediction. Saturday February 18 at 7:30 P. M. monthly evening of recollection in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

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Purpose: Charitable
Form of Organization: Corporation
Accounting Period Ending:
Organization Number: 640387

Gentlemen:

Based on the information submitted and provided your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application, you are exempt from State franchise or income tax under Section 2370ld, Revenue and Taxation Code. Any change in operation, character or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address also must be reported.

You are required to file Form 199 (Exempt Organization Annual Information Return) or Form 199B (Exempt Organization Annual Information Statement) on or before the 15th day of the 5th month (4-1/2 months) after the close of your accounting period. See annual instructions with forms for requirements.

You are not required to file state franchise or income tax returns unless you have income subject to the unrelated business income tax under Section 23731 of the Code. In this event, you are required to file Form 109 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) by the 15th day of the 3rd month (2-1/2 months) after the close of your annual accounting period.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided by Sections 17214 through 17216.2 and 24357 through 24359 of the Code, unless your purpose is testing for Public Safety.

If the organization is incorporating or is a foreign corporation qualifying to do business in California, this approval will expire unless incorporation or qualification is completed within 30 days.

Exemption from federal income or other taxes and other state taxes requires separate applications.

James C Stewart
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Counsel

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